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## 1971 SET THE BEST EVER

Practice hurricanes, simulated tornados, imaginary locust plagues, and pseudo floods were the order of the weekend of the 1971 Simulated Emergency Test, Jan. 30 and 31. All the imagination possible was put to the test to create enough surprise practice disasters to keep Florida's amateurs on the alert. The test was to see if the talents of amateurs were still sharp enough to handle a real emergency and for the most part, according to the two Florida SECs, it was.

It was up to the individual county emergency coordinator to stir up a local disaster and to coordinate his ARPSC group to

help out. On the state and national level, the National Traffic System was kept going constantly to relay traffic all over the country. Traffic was created in phenomenal amounts and fed into the NTS. Primarily the NTS kept the traffic flowing, even if a bit slowly. In some cases, especially on the region net level it broke down completely for brief periods.

In Florida the two SECs W4IYT and W4IKB organized

well. It was planned this year to be unplanned as much as possible. Thus the main section level CW net QFEN was not allowed to set up a schedule of NCSes and region rep stations as in past years. A QFN-SET coordinator was appointed to be in attendance at all times and to name the NCS and region reps as the need arose. Route manager Dan, K4EHY, will have a fuller report in a future

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## New Quarter Century Wireless Assoc. Chapter

A new Chapter of the Q.C.W.A. is being formed for the West Coast of Florida. Members of the Q.C.W.A. residing on the South West section of Florida, from Ruskin South, who would like to become members of the new Chapter should contact: W4GHR — Bill Soehl, 647 Jungle Way, Sarasota, Fla. 33580. Ph: 355-5814.

## HAMBOREE — GREAT!

The Dade Radio Club Tropical Hamboree was again a great success thanks to the efforts of many people. The folks who had booths around the hall did themselves proud with good displays and informed people manning them.

Let's see, we do not have the actual figures in as yet, but at this writing the attendance was in excess of 2,000. We have at this time logged 1781 from Florida. We had 25 states represented from as far away as Washington State. We had folks from 7 countries and from as far away as Australia.

The lucky winners of the grand, grand door prizes were as follows:

Swan 500 CX w power supply — Harold Pallatz, Miami, Florida.

Tempo 1 w power supply — Lucille Shook, Miami, Florida.

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QST QST QST DE WB4HKP of Miami Beach seen here hand keying an official ARRL Bulletin. His favorite hangouts are: Traffic nets and ragchews. As you can see Mr. Frank Haas owns much stock in the Heath Company. HKP transmits SKIP & ARRL Bulletins Monday thru Friday on 3651 and 7095 kHz, simo at 2330Z. Need code practice? Here is your man. Frank also served as one of the 8 SET operators at Red Cross in Miami, Jan. 30-31.

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## NEW FCC FORM 610

FCC has issued a new Form  
610; it is dated July 1970, but has  
only just recently been  
released. There are no changes  
of real substance; the form is  
re-designed to simplify  
processing in accord with  
earlier changes made in the  
rules. One slightly new aspect is  
a question whether the ap-  
plicant proposes to have an  
actual station; the statement is  
made, "Call letters are  
assigned only when a station  
location is given." FCC still  
prefers to issue a call sign to  
every applicant, however, since  
it is an ideal computer search  
reference. (From ARRL Dir.  
Letter)



# Letters To Editor

Dear Editor:

As part of a master's thesis I am trying  
to learn more about the myriad clan-  
destine stations which appear throughout  
the short-wave spectrum. Would you  
please print in the next issue the following  
brief article, or edit it for publication?

## INFORMATION WANTED!

All of us at one time or another have  
intercepted various radio signals which  
have appeared unusual, and we have  
probably wondered about their source and  
purpose. Some of these are the clandestine  
"spy" stations, sending encoded messages  
of strategic interest to foreign or domestic  
government agencies. One of the most  
frequently heard is the Spanish numeral  
stations, sending four or five numeral  
sequences for a period of about ten or  
fifteen minutes. The most common of  
these appear near 3200 and 5200 khz., at  
about 5 minutes before and 25 minutes  
after the hour.

Although I have attempted to learn the  
purpose of these stations from a variety of  
sources, I have completely struck out. If  
any of our readers can shed light on these  
or other clandestine broadcasters, I would  
be eternally grateful!

Bob Grove, W4APYQ  
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and Technology  
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In the past the Governor of Florida has  
issued a proclamation each year,  
proclaiming "Amateur Radio Week" in  
Florida. Due to lack of advance notice we  
have not been able to take full advantage  
of this event. If sufficient advance notice  
could be given, demonstrations, etc., could  
be arranged before Civic Clubs, Schools,  
and similar organizations, resulting in  
much benefit to our hobby.

Florida Skip has the means to be of great

help in this regard. Please consider the  
idea with the view of taking the lead and  
making "Amateur Radio Week" a  
meaningful affair in Florida each year.

73,

Jos. S. White, WB4KZU  
P.O. Box 46

West Palm Beach, Fla. 33402

(Editors note: Thanks Jos. Wrote our man  
in Tallahassee last week and attempting to  
get proclamation at least a month early.  
Will have 100 extra copies printed ASAP.)

## NEW CALL BOOK SUPPLEMENT IN MARCH

Commencing with the  
publication of its Spring edition,  
due March 1, the Radio  
Amateur Callbook will also  
produce a separate supplement  
containing all changes since the  
previous (Winter) edition. This  
can be used by a purchaser of  
the previous edition to provide  
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Directors Letter)

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

By Ken Stewart, W4SMK

What image does the public have of amateur radio? Real life and  
death emergencies are relatively rare, thank goodness. We don't  
make page one every day with our public service activities. Yet it is  
important to keep our public image shiny, even in the daily routine  
of operating our stations. Unfortunately, as the saying goes, "The  
times we are right no one remembers; the times we are wrong no  
one forgets."

A surprising number of people, besides amateurs, listen to our  
bands. We come into contact with many more people as we deliver  
or take messages, hold hamfests, or participate in civic activities.  
What kind of impression do we make on these people? Does the  
public lump amateurs, and CB operators, and others with no  
licenses at all who tinker in radio, into the same category? Less  
than 0.15 per cent of the people in this country are amateurs, and  
probably less than half of these are active. In this sense at least we  
are an elite group. Do we project this image in our daily activities?  
Now this is not a plea for snobbishness. It is a plea for all of us to act  
responsibly, and with the same intelligence, in other areas as we  
have already demonstrated by mastering the code and theory.

Some of the rudeness and bad operating one hears can be at-  
tributed to the over enthusiasm and inexperience of a few younger  
hams, or to the grouchiness and stone headed attitudes of a few old  
timers. Yet the average American amateur is in his early forties,  
and is experienced, so he should not suffer from either of these  
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one. We can't depend upon the headlines made by a few amateurs  
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## AIR FORCE MARS

By J. R. Hopkins, WB4BND

Our meeting in conjunction with the Miami Hamfest was a success if only that we got to meet Mr. Leger and Sgt. Atkins. These two gentlemen were there to answer questions and meet with those able to attend the conference. They seemed receptive to many of our ideas and only time will tell if any found favor with them. They promised only that they would look into all questions raised and judge them by a common standard, how will they help the program. You all know most of the questions by now, so I will not burden you with them at this time.

One of the few things Mr. Leger did commit himself to was seeing that region 2 received better treatment in regards to equipment issue. This brings to mind what Sgt. Atkins advised us, if your request for equipment is over one year old, re-submit it including a rote stating it was a re-request. This will insure you having it on file for when the equipment becomes available, as there were losses incurred during the move from Westover AFB to Oklahoma City.

Traffic has remained fairly heavy since the passing of the

holidays, and as a result, the two hour net time has proven a burden with many nights having to shut down with traffic still to be passed. After the "RATT PACK" moves to their new frequency 3297.5 KHZ the voice net will be able to operate as before with the disposing of all traffic before closing. This is to take place 180000Z February 1971.

## ARMY MARS FLA. 2.

By Bill Britton, AD4IHH

The Army MARS meeting at the Miami Hamboree in January provided an excellent opportunity for the members to get-together for eye-ball QSO's, as well as the latest information on our nets provided by the Florida 2 Director Ken, AA4GUE.

An added plus to the Miami meeting was the presence of the Mars Director Hal Mulkey, A4VHX, from Fort McPherson. This is the first time that many of the Fla 2 members have had the pleasure of meeting the new Director, and all came away with the feeling that our program will gain even greater goals under Hal's very friendly and capable leadership.

Listen on the Alfa nets for news of the resumption of the late-evening "Hotel" net on a new frequency of 4238 kc, and the resumption of the popular Saturday morning High-Speed CW net with Gene, AA4KHT, back as NCS. Both these popular nets are scheduled for resumption soon.

## NAVY MARS

By Bonnie Wieboldt  
NOPJQ WB4FSF

The Miami Hamboree was well attended by Navy MARS members. We were very pleased that Deputy MARS Chief Chris Walker from Washington, D.C. and Director Vern Poston from the Charleston, S.C. office were



**THANKS FOR STOPPING** by our FLORIDA SKIP Booth at the Miami Hamboree Jan. 23-24th. We enjoyed talking to you all. Come again next year. Talking over old times (seated rear) our SKIP Cartoonist, Hank Projansky W1GSL.4 (left), and W2SAW while Andy Lee Clark keeps an eye on the 5 beautiful QSO Party and Field Day Florida Skip trophies at far left on table. These trophies were awarded at the main drawing Sunday afternoon. (Photo by WB4PFZ)

able to attend this event with a wealth of information. Mr. Walker presented an interesting program of the Navy's mission in Antarctica, including the role of the MARS participation through voice and teletype communication.

Director Poston was very enthusiastic about the progress made by the District in the past few months and was glad to report that the new DNC-8 (Instruction manual) should be out in a few weeks. This meeting was very informative.

North Florida's main activity was participation in the Central Florida Cerebral Palsy Telethon. Local members received reports of totals and relayed them by radio to headquarters. Jim, NOEQW and Bill, NOQJP were set up at the Orlando Municipal auditorium, headquarters for the activity. Georgia, NOZTC, Lou, NOPBP, and Dick,

NOIAM, alternated as net control stations, on the local 2 meter MARS frequency. Buzz, NOJQS was very helpful by standing by and helped anywhere he was needed. Joe, NOAIL and Jim, NOHSN picked up totals from the Deland area, and Henry, NOGAJ and Irl, NOSPD covered the Lake County area. This operation was a success and members should be proud of the work they contributed.

New members in North Florida are: Bob, NOAGJ of Tallahassee, and Jay, NOATY of Jacksonville. South Florida: NOOLV of Key West, NOAOM of Pompano Beach, NOQHO of St. Pete and NOFGU of Melbourne. Welcome aboard fellows!!

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## VHF'ERS COLUMN

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

Recently your Scribe wrote SKIP strongly recommending the return of the "VHF" column. Yes, that letter boomeranged — and here is our first column! This is with the understanding that in near future, a dyed-in-the-wool real VHF'er will come forth and take-over! Your scribe, with pardonable pride works all amateur bands, and therefore believes that some well known VHF'er can better serve!

One of the most often heard remarks, "Don't hear much activity on 6 or 2 meters anymore," has encouraged your scribe in attempting to spread the word of VHF groups, nets and such. So, please write direct to my home QTH regarding any activities which are not now covered elsewhere in Skip.

For a starter, a group of 6 meter SSB amateurs have regularly scheduled themselves on 50.150 MHz. SSB, Horizontally polarized, daily (except Sundays) commencing at 0930 AM EST. This group is known as "Medicare Group" and originally started with

WA4VLG, St. Petersburg, and your scribe, K4GT, approximately two years ago.

The group now has grown in numbers of participating stations, mostly stretched out along west coast of Florida, from WB4JAI, Naples, to WB4CQU near Newport-Richey. Often work Miami, Jacksonville, Orlando. This same group of VHF'ers come on the air in evening hours, without a designated time, but usually from approximately 8 PM EST on. The same fellows are mostly equipped with Drake TR-6 Xceivers (360 Watts PEP) and have Drake 2 Meter Transverters and QSY to 145.150 MHz nightly at 10 PM EST (Horizontal).

Our gang welcome any VHF'er to "break," either SSB or AM. We often change — over to AM to accommodate. Most of same gang have now purchased and are on-the-air on 2 Meter FM — they're quickly learned of the vastly different "procedures" popular in 2 Meter FM jargonese and are cognizant of the clobber freq, 146.94 MHz!! C U next Skip.

## S.P.A.R.C.

On Friday, March 19, 1971, a program sponsored by the St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club, will feature a speaker from NASA. His topic "EXPLANATION of the MANNED LAUNCHES scheduled in 71, 72 and 73" will be further enhanced with visual aids.

This is to be held at 7:30 P.M. at the Public Library Auditorium, 3745 - 9th Ave., No., St. Petersburg, Fla. and will be open to the public and no charge.

## SILENT KEYS

We are deeply sorry to report the passing of the following amateurs:

W4PB, Marian H. Vater, Tampa.  
W4HWA, William N. Gardner, Jacksonville.

K4LJ, George Lauterborn, Jensen Beach

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## DADE RADIO CLUB

By Paul E. Norman, WB4IGC

The Dade Radio Club held its first post Hamboree meeting and a tired bunch we were. After all had their say as to what went wrong, what didn't go wrong, what should and should not be changed, who did what for and to whom, all in all a very enlightening critic.

A motion was made and seconded to hold the Tropical Hamboree next year same time providing Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, volunteers to be Boss again.

Walt Thain, WB4KKK, was appointed club historian and will attempt to get editorial and pictorial records of our past. I hope, for Walt's sake, that it is not so did!

Bob Loewenthal, K4YXJ, our Christmas Party Chairman made his report and it seems he overspent the generous party budget that we authorized. There were some expressions of thanks for Bob's personal generosity, but cooler heads prevailed and he will be properly reimbursed. A round of applause for Bob neatly closed out that subject till next year.

We had some discussion on a combination club station, classroom, meeting room in the new addition being proposed at the Museum of Natural History. A figure of 1,000 square feet seemed to be the size needed. Our major domo, John Steel, WD4UCV, was going to approach the "powers-that-be" at the next President's meeting at the museum.

And, last but not least, Jay Hecker, WB4HDZ, did not do a single thing this past month that is worthy of mention. Good Grief!

## USF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

WB4BNH

The USF radio club has begun the slow climb up the hill of success by picking itself up by its own bootstraps. The Club

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started off the quarter by electing Ray Kriegbaum as Treasurer and Mary Leffler as Secretary, along with existing officers: President Glen Jenkins, WB4KTF, and Vice President, K4EHY.

The club participated in the local Hillsboro SET on 2 meter FM, 6 meters, and high frequencies. Several hundred messages were sent out for University students and staff to all parts of Florida and the country.

A committee was formed to recommend a SSB transmitter or transceiver for the club to acquire.

The club station has been designated as a CD RACES station and a CD 2 meter FM unit is presently on the air from the club shack. This can be operated on emergency power that the building has, in an emergency.

A student government elections polling station was operated by the club members with the attendant small increase in the club treasury.

Donations of money or equipment may be made tax deductible through the University of South Florida Foundation.

The USF ARC meets Mondays in room 387 of the Social Science Building, and membership is open to any student or staff member of the University of South Florida.

## BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Gene Burton, WA4YNW

Guest speakers at the Brandon Amateur Radio Society's February 8 meeting were Ed Carr, WB4FCO, Communications Coordinator for Civil Defense and Hillsborough County, who spoke on R.A.C.E.S. and communications as related to Civil Defense; and Conrad Swanson, Brandon attorney, who spoke briefly and answered questions concerning the proposed incorporation of Brandon. The club voted to go on record as favoring incorporation.

Congratulations to Ralph Hogan, new BARS member, on receiving his ticket, WN4TOR.

We were glad to have Owen, K4LV, and Henry, K4AOB, from the Lake Amateur Radio Association attend our meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

Several members helped man the Tampa club station, W4DUG, at the Florida State Fair.

## THE COUNTRY COUSINS

By Stan Offenhutter

As of this writing, the Miami Hamboree is over, but it's still being talked about. Now folks are contemplating the upcoming Orlando Hamfest. We had nice eye-balls with some of the cousins as well as a visit to our QTH by Chet, WA4YRU, his XYL and their daughter.

Bill, W4GHR and XYL Cathy, W4BAV, enjoyed their visit with their son and grandchild.

Welcome to our new cousins: M.B., WB4SKO; Nancy, WB4NTW; Bob, WB4TCZ; Ernie, K4OSM 5 and Will, WB4POZ. Glad to have you aboard!

Coleman, WB4OKS who is in training with the FAA in Miami, checked in from yours truly's rig, as well as Ben, W4SEG and Mike, K4FCS. These visits are always pleasant and welcome.

Orland, W4LTW's XYL, Helen, our Assistant Secretary, is scheduled for surgery. We hope that she will be much

improved by the time she reads this. Jack, W4FTR's XYL, Ruth, is doing nicely after her recent operation.

Jerry, WB4TPI reported that he is going to Mexico on vacation travelling in his travel trailer. Pete, WB4RVX, who works aeronautical mobile was caught on 20 meters and what a signal!

The gang at the Crippled Children's Hospital in Umatilla will be receiving the Florida Skip with compliments of an anonymous ham, which we think is right nice and friendly.

A welcome to all to join us every night at 10 p.m. on 3970 KHz. A certificate is given by the net. For all particulars please check in.

## BROWARD A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson, W4GDK

The January meeting of B.A.R.C. found a serious problem developing. Our previous Auctionfest Chairman, Fred Schmidt, said that because of business pressure he could no longer serve in that capacity.

He suggested that we try this year having B.A.R.C. and the Hollywood Club share the responsibility and the profits. With many details to be worked out, it was agreed to try it. It was later decided that Jim Moran of the Hollywood Club and Larry Young of B.A.R.C. would be Co-Chairman.

Art Milligan W8ALP gave an interesting discussion of the early days of ham radio and how many hams in those days used their initials for their calls.

Also discussed was the 2 Meter FM Repeater soon to be completed at Broward Civil Defense Hdqtrs. on Peters Road, Ft. Lauderdale where a 125 foot tower will hold the transmitting antenna. Additional receiver sites will be at Holy Cross Hospital in north Ft. Lauderdale and at the Osteopathic Hospital in Pembroke Park west of Hollywood. Full details are to be given at the March meeting by Fred Lemka, WB4RZS.

Our big annual Auctionfest as indicated elsewhere in this issue of FLORIDA SKIP is to be held at Chaminade High School, 500 No. 51st Ave., Hollywood, on March 13 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There are always bargains galore.

B.A.R.C. has its meetings the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Broward County Courthouse. Anyone interested in ham radio is invited. Ask the guard in the lobby where the radio meeting is being held. We'll be glad to see you.

## DELTONA HAM NEWS

By Jack Six, W4YPA

January started a new year for the Deltona CD Net and a good turn out on nets has taken place. We sure have a loyal bunch of hams in Deltona and are most dedicated to our local net operation.

We are making an effort to get a receiver on 6 meters to hear the boys check in. K4CCX — K4EZE of Deltona along with K4CTH of DeBary are on six. Thanks boys for the interest in the CD Net.

We enjoyed a very nice visit from W4NH and his XYL. We also enjoyed a very fine dinner party with K4MY and his XYL my XYL. K4MY was a co-worker of W4NH with FAA.

W4YLR Russ took over net control for CD while I was enjoying the visit with W4NH. WB4QPH, Clarence was back on the net again after some rig trouble.

XYL and I drove over to Daytona Beach Sunday, Jan. 17th to have an eye ball with W4ADK and XYL Ruth who are spending several weeks in Florida sunshine. Denny & Ruth are friends from several years back in Indiana, Pa. Also had a very nice eye ball with K4GJ and his XYL Hope.

K4LZ, Tom, has his chest swelled out as he is the proud grandfather of a fine baby girl. Baby and mother doing fine. Tom is doing a real bang up job and even had all the dishes washed. 73 all.

## GATOR CHAPTER QCWA

By Frank Atlee, K4PI

Since the February meeting of the Gator Chapter will take place after the deadline for inclusion in the March issue of Skip, details will be reported in the April issue. A large crowd is expected at the usual meeting place, the Knollwood in Clearwater, with the new slate of officers for 1971 running the show.

## CITRUS CHAPTER

Citrus Chapter, the Orlando centered QCWA group, has arranged for a mid-day get-together on March 6th, Saturday. It's at that great white multi-storied HOTEL on U.S. ONE, The Riveira Hotel (that's HO — Hotel) on U.S. 1 north of Daytona Beach. It is out past Holly Hill Elementary School and the Holly Hill City Hall, on the right hand or east side of the road. It is at an imposing white stucco building and the entrance is on the high side, east side of the building. A buffet, at \$2.75 (inclusive — or "all in" as the English say). Fancy beverages may be had in moderation. No reservations are necessary, the ladies are invited as usual. Come early — we'll eat about 12:30 — see y'all there!

## SOUTH MIAMI RADIO CLUB

By George, WB4JFA

The club held its meeting on Feb. 5, 1971 at the Coral Gables Police Station, about Twenty people were in attendance. A film from Southern Bell was shown on communication and was enjoyed by all.

The clubs Transceiver fund is growing nicely and a target date of Field Day of 1971 is set for the purchase of a rig. A number of the club members participated in the SET on 2 meter FM and RTTY. It was a good test of material and men.

The club would like to remind all amateurs that a club certificate is given out for all hams who work a member of the club. This is a nice green and white certificate which would look nice on the wall of your shack.

Remember we meet the first Friday at 8:00 pm at the above mentioned location. Hope to see you there. 73.

## TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

Our regular meeting, Monday, January 18th, was highlighted by guest speaker, Dave Bonar, of General Telephone Company. Dave's subject was "USAF Airborne Command Control Aircraft," and the color-slides greatly enhanced his talk-narration. Your Scribe will never forget those color-slides showing the Trailing-Wire-Antenna installation for VLF communications — the wire is 5 1/2 miles long! Just think that over for a moment — a giant Boeing Jet aircraft with a tail 5 1/2 miles long!!

Our February 1st meeting was held at the Florida State Fair grounds in our traffic booth. The meeting was held for the purpose of final check-up and familiarization for our members who are serving W4DUG during the two weeks period of the fair. The TARC W4DUG station was installed Sunday January 31st. TARC member George McElvy loaned his Heath gear for duration of W4DUG at fair grounds. Gordon Calender loaned his Galaxy 5 Xceiver. Frank Ziegler made available his home-brew linear and TARC's latest acquisition, a Knight TR-106 6 meter Xceiver will permit contact with local greater Tampa Bay area stations. Not to forget, Bill Holleyhead's 6 meter "J" antenna. W4CI was, as usual, involved in all administrative work with the Fair management, including obtaining gatepasses, etc. Seward Van Patten and his XYL, Helen, both licensed, will as usual, handle W4DUG during daylight hours. Don Fischer is manager of counter personnel and Ralph Coady handles the "ops." C U next Skip.

### WEST PALM BEACH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC. W4HAW

By Clara B. Stables, WB4NKR  
That Odd Couple, Gene Sykes, W4BRB, and Bill Sprague, WB4OUH, accompanied by Duane Webb, WB4NZM, flew to West End, Grand Bahama to participate in the CQ Worldwide 160 meter CW Contest January 30 and 31. They operated under the call W4BRB VP7 from a paddle-wheel excursion boat tied up at the Jack Tar Hotel dock. Duane acted as logger. They contacted 43 states including Hawaii and numerous DX stations. I can't pry the score from them; but their grins are smug.

Antonio Correa, HK3QB W4 showed excellent colored movies of our Christmas Chicken Barbecue. "Tiny" Britton, WN4TDZ, a light 320 pounds, was the star, appearing in almost every shot chewing on a series of chicken legs.

Ten perspiring embryo Novices, including two YLs, are sweating their way through the code and theory class which began on January 18.

The Club has acquired through purchase from the widow of a silent key a good used TR 3 with AC and DC power supplies. W4EPO and WB4OUH have put it into shape and we're on the air. Call us—W4HAW!

### DCARPS

By WA4ABY

The 1971 Simulated Emergency Test was one of the best ever according to our SEC and part of the reason for the success is the excellence of corps members during the annual exercise. Our president Dev, WB4LBB, led a contingent of four members at our station WB4LRY. They gave our recently donated Swan 350 a real workout. Also operating at the Pace High School station were Craig, WB4LAA, Don K4FMA, and John, WB4KQR. WB4LRY was the key CW station into the National Traffic System for Dade County. Meanwhile at the South Florida Division Red Cross Headquarters, members WA4ABY and W4IYT were in charge of K4IWT, the key SSB station for Dade County. Assisting here were non members W4FFF, K4BLM, WB4HKP, and L W4ZHG.

Our classes continue at JFK Junior High in North Miami Beach. We are cooperating with the Dade County School Board and the Lions Club in providing code and theory courses. About thirty are currently enrolled for the Tuesday night instruction. President Devern Dean, WB4LBB and Secretary John Aikens, WB4KQR are in charge of this program and get assistance from other club members.

Don Murray, K4FMA is in charge of a club project to resurrect the amateur station W4WWC at the Miami VA Hospital. Although

licensed, the club is inactive. We are installing new antennas and instituting a program to spark interest in ham radio among the patients at the facility.

Two major events of the DCARPS are Field Day and the Miami Auctionfest. Steering committees were named in February to start planning these two events. The auctionfest committee hopes to announce the dates for the auction. All we know now is that it will be in September.

The Dade County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps meets the second and fourth Thursday every month at Pace High School, 16500 NW 32nd Ave., Miami. Everyone, of course, is welcome.

### FLORIDORA YLS

By Cathy Soehl

W4BAV AREA ARNS

ATTENTION: Send in your Floridora dues now to K4WXS, Lee Kanarian (\$1.00) and YLRL dues (\$3.00) to W6YKU, Jackie van de Kamp.

Welcome to our new member WB4NKR, Clara Stables and to W4SBK, Marcia Guest, back to the fold. Marcia is President of the YL Int'l SSBers. Nice picture in their publication.

VE3BPN 4, Barb Newman, Treasurer of Ontario Trilliums, checked into the Floridora Net, from Satellite Beach, where she witnessed the Apollo 14 blast off, before proceeding down the East Coast.

Congratulations to K4RHL, Ellie Horner, with her partner W4SEAC, Ale Broman, winning 2nd place in the YL SSB 1970 QSO Party. Also W4QBY, Dorothea Seaver won 1st place and W4EHN, Betty Coleman, 2nd place in the Single Operator Class for Florida.

W4HRC, "Little Bo" Bogardus enjoys hearing from us and hopes to have a receiver soon. "Little Bo" and Marie will go to Hawaii in May to meet son Pat and family, all returning home together. The trip is their Xmas present.

W4UF, Dot Saunders has DXCC, but continues to work on it and has just worked a UD6 in Soviet Russia, the last for the block of Russians designated on DXCC.

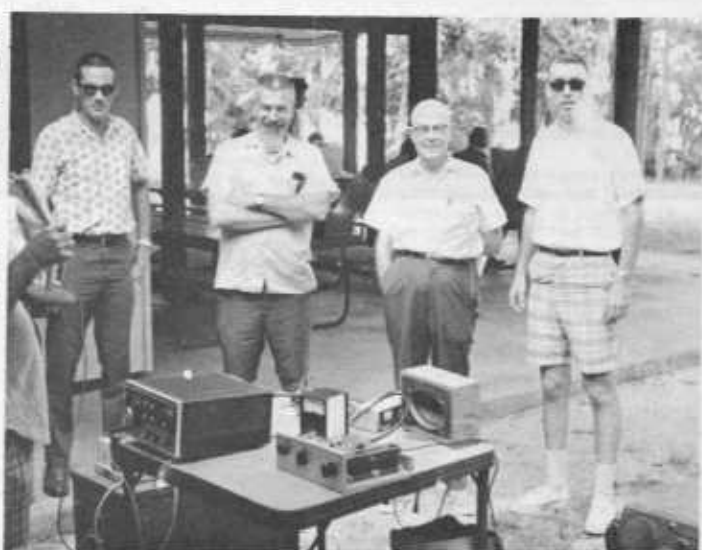
K4CVR, Bessie Foss feeling better, as recuperating from spell in hospital before Thanksgiving.

W4EHN, Betty Coleman and OM, Clem celebrated their 51st Wedding anniversary, Jan. 10th. As Chairman of Community Improvement-St. Cloud Woman's Club, Betty enjoyed the dedication of "Chaco" (Osceola County Childrens Home), which was their project. DAR Coffee, Jan. 28th, brought 33 guests to Betty's home.

### FORT MYERS CLUB NEWS

By Ken, W4SMK

The February FMARC club meeting featured a talk and demonstration by Dan



RECENTLY THE WEST Florida Phone Net members had a picnic at the Three Rivers State Park near Sneads, Florida. Checking in WFPN at the picnic grounds are L to R: WB4LOQ and Jr. Op., WA4ISJ, W4BIM, WA4EOQ and WB4DVM. All 6 were "QRU"...

(photo by W4RKH)

Werner, K4AXS, on his inductance tester. Dan really did a professional job of building the tester some 10 years ago, and it looks just like new.

The club operated W4LX 4 at the Southwest Florida Fair the last week in January, and put on a demonstration of amateur radio each evening. The fair booth, a big trailer, was loaned to us by broadcast station WCAI, who used it in the day time for their own remote broadcasts. Antennas were donated by Ed, K4IA. Many of the club members donated use of their own transceivers and time during the week long affair.

There was considerable discussion and interest in 2 meter FM repeaters and activities at the meeting. We have a few members on 2 meter AM, but there has been no FM activity in this area as yet. There is a 2 meter FM repeater available here, and the club may be able to put it on the air as a club project. We understand these repeaters require a lot of work, but those attending the club from areas where there is repeater activity say it is really great fun.

There was little activity in the SET here because of the conflict with the Fair, and the CD people were also tied up in the Fair. However, W4SMK and WA4HDH were both active, and contact was made with the Red Cross Chapter. The county still needs a full time Emergency Coordinator,

and someone who will take over the job of Red Cross Radio Officer, since K4FQU has become inactive. Any takers ?? Incidentally Charlotte and Sarasota Counties also have no emergency coordinators, so there is a big gap here on the West coast in the Fla. emergency set up.

We have several Novices and potential Novices in the area, and hope to hear them all on the air soon.

### THE FLORIDA SIDEBANDERS ASSOCIATION

By Jim Ackerson, K4PNJ

As I see it it is a privilege to be an amateur radio operator and a member of the Florida Sidebanders. Along with this privilege comes a responsibility for me and that is to try to do something constructive to help our association. This brief column is a feeble effort to do what might be a "constructive effort" to help our organization. It is hopeful that members of the association will send me brief news items from time to time that may be of interest to members and other Florida amateur radio operators.

Welcome to the associate member checkins: Cecil, K4CAJ; Ralph, W4HGO; Don, W4ROJ, and Hal, W4SNP.

Our new President, Tom "Coyote"

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Rudge, WA4BWE, is looking for project ideas for this year and for members of the association to pitch in and help put some new life into our fellowship. Your ideas count and Tom will do his best to see they do. So, speak up!

Will you help secure new members for our association? Will you encourage fellow members to check in to the association sponsored FAST net? Will you become more active in 3940 kHz QSO's during the week and not just Sunday at 1700 EST? This frequency is becoming more active during the day than many of you realize. Join us?

## THE FORT PIERCE RADIO CLUB INC.

By Biff Craine, WB4MIQ

Well, another Miami hamfest has come and gone with the majority of our club members in attendance. It was very enjoyable to all and was considered an exciting experience for some of us to find out what some of the guys we work on the bands really look like.

Also another important event of January that we can not overlook is the SET. Emergency Coordinator, Jake Paltzer, W4NTE, did a fine job of organizing things for our local "disaster." We all had lots of fun working the various nets including our own local net TCN (Treasure Coast Net). As far as the local net went, we established good means of communication between the local amateurs. TCN was operative on 3.740 MHz at 1900Z, and 2000Z passing all the traffic that the various novices in our county had originated. NCS stations were WN4NOZ and WN4MEJ respectively. Both Gig and Jim did a real fine job of routing the traffic through the liaison to QFEN SSB, W4NTE. This provided for novices to take active part in the SET. All stations that QN'ed TCN were operating on

emergency power also.

We are now holding our weekly meetings at the Red Cross Office. Gig and a few others got together and constructed a fine set of cabinets, with desk space for our operating area. We also have antennas up there and WB4MIQ worked the nets during SET from down there.

Well that is it from FPRC this month. Our door is still open to all members and visitors who would like to drop in. We meet on Mondays at the Red Cross Building, 420 N. 7th Street at 7:00 p.m. 0000z. 73's.

## GULFSTREAM SOCIETY

By Alan Harp, WA4SVH

The Gulfstream Society fiscal year begins March 1. In the February business meeting new officers were elected as follows: President; Alan Harp, WA4SVH Vice President; Neil Sommerfield, WB4PKP Secretary; Phil Accardi; W4WYA. Frank Piverotto; WA4TBN will continue as Treasurer until a suitable replacement can be found. If you have business with the society the new officers stand ready to serve you.

The Exhibit we had at the South Florida Fair was a great success this year. With our special call WC4SFF we waded through several pile ups of stations seeking the WC4 prefix. We had over 1000 QSOs with stations in 45 states and 24 countries. Occasionally visitors were allowed to chat with stations "back up north." The highlight of event was when our neighbor exhibitor, Advertisers Press, sent a hand drawn QSL to an Erie, Pa. station by Faxmail. Their service sends facsimile pictures and drawings over telephone lines. The operator picked up his QSL in Erie within one half hour after the QSO!

Members with new (to them) equipment include David DeLonga, WB4PNG who has a Marauder on the air now and is really

working the DX on SSB. He reports having worked over 100 countries. Also: Don Moe, WA4YIH picked up a GE Master Line at the Miami Hamfest. Neil Sommerfield should soon receive his new Drake T4XB transmitter. He will then join the SSB crowd.

New members to the Society include Ron Morgan, WA4EVJ; Larry Feraud, K1POT 4; and Mark Gerson, WB4PRJ. We wish a hearty welcome to these new members.

## SUNCOAST ROVING REPORTER

By Cathy Soehl

WB4AV AREA ARNS

SPARC (St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club) featured W4ANL, Harry Longerich, who spoke on "Two Years in CN8 Land-Satellite Communication," at their February meeting.

The Red Cross Booth, at the Manatee County Fair was manned by the Bradenton Radio Club, demonstrating the way amateur radio operates and assists the Red Cross in an emergency. WA4ZAZ, Wally Watson provided the rig and WB4ISZ, Jim Hall was among those taking 3-hour shifts during the weeks activities.

WB4TSG (ex-W8AEZ), Ty Huhtala, 6427 - 26th St. W., Bradenton welcome to the Suncoast.

WB4Y WB4KJO, Gil Ludlow and XYL, Rose are late returning South account of the fact they bought a new car, packed it, complete with ham gear, planning to arrive in St. Petersburg Dec. 10th. However, he made a stop and when he got back to his car it was on fire which, together with contents, was a total loss. Hence, Gil must remain in Ohio until all is settled.

WB4LTU W2GYG, Win Morris and XYL, Flo celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary Jan. 12th. Congratulations!

K4VNA, Walt and W4IUR, Mim Cook took a trip to Fort Myers to visit her sister. On the return trip, they stopped to see W4GHR, Bill and W4BAV, Cathy Soehl. The next day, they went to Tampa to see W4WPD, Shirley and W4UFR, Earl Hill, as Shirley had invited WA4MHR, Burt and Dot Daisey, Bill and Cathy for dinner the following day (Sun.), the Cooks stayed over so that a little private impromptu hamfest resulted.

W6EPR (ex-K4CUY) June and W6EPQ (ex-W4TXX), Gene Scarbro, we understand, have purchased a home in St. Petersburg, returning after a number of years in Tenn. and California.

## NOTICE

### HW-100 OWNERS

While talking to Jim Isham, W8TXX at the Heath Company Miami Hamboree booth last month, ye ed was told that if the HW-100 owners wanted to increase their receiver sensitivity they can change V-10 and V-11 to 6HS6's and they will see a marked improvement. No other changes are necessary — just the tubes.

Jim also mentioned he might send SKIP simple changes on Heath Co. amateur gear from time to time. QRV OM.

## ATTENTION DXers

Announcement is hereby made of the deletion of the Kuwait-Saudi Arabia Neutral Zone (9K3 8Z5) from the ARRL Countries List. Only contacts made before December 18, 1969 will be creditable toward that listing. DXCC Honor Roll listings will be affected by this deletion as of April 1, 1971. Honor Roll submissions made during the month of June will be based on deleted totals of 312 CW F and 312 Phone. (ARRL OB 309)

## WX BROADCASTS RTTY

By Reg, W4ILE

THE FAA IS PLANNING TO UPGRADE THE MIAMI Caribbean Meteorological (CARMET) radioteletypewriter broadcasting facility from 60 WPM to 100 WPM. This facility presently runs 15 KW on 3235, 5937, 8130, 10950, 14395 and 16440 kHz., on about July 1, 1971.

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## JUST ONE MORE TIME

By Clara B. Stables, WB4NXR  
PART I

Now that I hold that little piece of paper stating that I am a General for the next five years at least, I feel that I can, without prejudice, drop a few pearls of wisdom before the perspiring Novice who aspires to be a General.

Don't, for Heaven's sake, take the long, slow, meandering path I followed. I entered the Novice Class with the bright and shining face of Shakespeare's scholar but without his reluctance. The five words per minute sending and receiving came easily as did the elementary theory.

It was on the long leap from five to thirteen words per minute that I sogged into the morass, was derailed, got caught in the brambles, and remained marooned on a broad plateau of about ten words per minute for months.

My first mistake was to rush out and buy a tenth-hand receiver. The moving finger eagerly penned the check and I was stuck with a mass of tin, wires, capacitors, resistors, and tubes that received with wanton abandon but without selectivity. CW and voice were jumbled together like a swarm of bees, or maybe CBs. Then I acquired a used transmitter of good make and no doubt easily operated by anyone who knew half the score. The more I studied the manual the more fuses I blew until the local electronics outlet asked me if I were feeding them to the cat who liked to sleep atop the set when it warmed up. Finally, I loaded it properly and pounded out CQ after CQ, feverishly tuning the receiver to catch any unwary Novice who might swallow my bait. Perhaps some did; I'll never know; I was unable to sort them out from the medley.

I gave up and bought a record taking one from 7 to 21 words per minute. Incidentally, I never reached 21. I scrounged another key. Half the ball bearings had fallen out of my first one and had rolled into obscure corners never to be resurrected. I taped the record into a cassette and played it over and over and then one more time. Reams of copy paper filled the trash cans. My old headphones gasped their last and the little earphones



MEET MRS. CLARA B. STABLES, WB4NXR and Perky (age 14) of West Palm Beach.

blasted my eardrums. The neighbors knew the code better than I and some threatened to go down to try the test.

At last, I thought, I was ready. I drove to Miami in darkness and reached the FCC office two hours early. I sat in the car in the parking lot and alternately listened to code groups on the recorder and reviewed theory from the Manual. Needless to say, I failed the code. However, I did copy enough to try the theory test. On the return trip, the alternator on my car quit; but, that, as they used to say in the 19th Century novels, is another story.

Somehow, I was dilatory in code practice and my Tech license came through. Now, I was high, dry, and stranded.

I bought a used six meter rig

and a squalo to get a little practice on phone. The seller didn't promise me a rose garden; but neither did he tell me that it took an aurora to open the band. I turned the set on every day; but, so far as I know, it was open for only a couple of days around the middle of July and another few days during the middle of August. The rest of the time it was silent with hardly a line noise. The age of innocence, apparently, is not over — at least not for me.

Then my cat, Perky, who is 14 and should know better, either inadvertently or intentionally, used the rig for a sandbox. Now, it was really dead. In fact, I nearly buried it.

Part II next month folks.

## EX CALLS

Apparently there is no end to EX-CALLS. Good! Have you sent in yours? Ed.

K4QG ex W6HJP, W7SOX, W9FGZ, K4EFF, WORHL, W4EXM, DL4AY, KR6AM, EP2AM, KH6AK.

K4DVT ex W3DNO, W9CWL, W4IID, ex W4FZL

K4ME ex W3SO, W3DPM, W2YTL, W1NXB, W4HVH

W4RML ex W9PVZ, WOHEH

W4WWE ex W9HIU

W4JCU ex 2ADQ, W1JSZ, W3DJH, W3IAE, W8DPT

WA4FFH ex W2LLX

W4FCP ex WA4GDC, K5IBS

K4SJH ex W1DTP, K2ILN, W3ORO, DL4EF

K4FBS ex K8JGJ, W9FFH, 9BW

WB4LOA ex WA8JJA

W4VMN ex K2LCI

WA4JSP ex W9KMC, W8GCP

WA4HAA ex W5TKI

K4AG ex 3IV, W3ADQ, W2AHH

WB4CQU ex WA8BGU

W4OAJ ex W3JNZ, W2PSZ

W4ZTB ex K8OSG, W6HED

W4PLO ex W3HLS

K4IGO ex 9BUR, W9DUR, W6SOO, JA2VP

## NEW LATE LATE CW NET

If you can't sleep and have traffic you wanna clear, try the newly formed Atlantic Coast Net (ACN) at 0415 GMT nightly on 3690 kHz. WB4SMA is net manager and welcomes any and all takers. ACN hopes to expand from Florida to Maine. Try 'em, they are a sharp outfit . . .

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## THE QFN REPORT

By K4EHY

Many QFNers enjoyed getting together at the Miami Hamboree. It was the largest gathering of traffic ops I have seen in Fla. A very large turnout for the QFN breakfast also appeared.

The SET contributed a concentrated weekend of traffic handling for most ops. Many new ops got their baptism of fire during SET, doing more traffic handling in one weekend than usual in a whole month. This year's problem was still the logjam at the regional net level and the difficulty with QFN reps to clear their hook both at the region and area level. Traffic was backlogged a week after the exercise. It seemed we had more direct representation of the state QNI this year, but the liaison to SSB was about the same. NCS's did a fantastic job coping with the large QNI and QTC. This year's exercise was not preplanned, but net coordinators WB4OMG and WB4MIQ did a good job alleviating some of the confusion. Returns are still out on how effective we were in

operating the net on a purely volunteer basis.

W4IYT, Andy, has initiated a CW NET Training program Wednesday nights at 1930 after FSBEN on 3940. All members are urged to help out either on SSB or on CW.

W4DJ, W4FPC and W4IYT have agreed to help with the Novice Hurricane Training Net. Anyone else interested?

W4DQS, Dale, made good progress on the 5B and DXCC, needing only 4 more cards. W4BGW, Al, went back up to the cold north Ohio country. W4FQP, Jim, still has some skin trouble and has been in and out of the Bay Pines VA Hospital. WB4SMA, Larry has started a new net: Atlantic States Net 0415Z daily 3690 KHZ. 73 BT... Dan K4EHY... ARN

## GATOR NET

By EV, W4IA

January was a month of "happenings" for the Gator Net gang. First came the Miami Hamboree. Among GN regulars known to have attended that shindig are W4EHW, W4YPPX, WB4AIW, W4BM, K4GJ, K4JWM, WB4JHW, W4ILE, WB4HKP, K4EHY, W4IYT, 8R1Y-W4, and W4ZHG.

The month closed with ARRL's Simulated Emergency Test, during which GN operated six sessions of a combined GN QFN. GN members supporting this effort included W4DVO, W4IA, W4EHW, K4EHY, WB4AIW, 8R1Y W4, K4JWM, K4KO, W4SCK, W4ILE, W4YPPX, K4GJ, W4BM, K4FQP and W4ZHG.

As this is written we're into the month of February and GN is having some lively sessions, both QNI-wise and traffic-wise. We have several weak spots from the standpoint of coverage and particularly would welcome participation from stations in Orlando, West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and the general area of Gainesville. Come on in — 7115 KHz, 0830 EST Daily.

## FLAMINGO NET

By Kurt Lenkway, W4GGJ

The Flamingo Net had, a little belated, its annual Family dinner and Business Meeting Sunday, February 7, 1971 at the Copper Hood Inn in Dania. Better late than never and the Flamingos don't mind if the business year has 14 months. We were all together 50, a very good turnout. "Naturally" we had a steak dinner, paid by our Kitty. The Copper Hood Inn provided us with a very comfortable dining room.

Election of officers followed the dinner. Our new "Mr. President" and activities chairman is Ron Gamel, K4JXL and our new "Mr. Vice President" and assistant activities chairman is Edmond Wright, W4GFP. Walt Kinney, "Mr. Flamingo", W4GJ was naturally re-elected as NET Control. "Honest" John Morel, W4RWT is again our treasurer, because we all think he is the only one we can trust with our very large Kitty. It was decided to create a new office: the secretary for certificates. K4CYF, Dora Dixon was elected to this office. The Flamingo Net has so far 1250 certificates issued. Kurt Lenkway, W4GGJ was re-elected as Secretary.

W4GJ, Walt, motioned to record in the minutes of the Net a "Thank you" to W4JO, Frank, for his efforts getting the Flamingo Net news in "Florida Skip". Motion was passed.

Earlier the same day, at 15.00 EST we had a hidden XTRM hunt. W4GGJ was the hidden XTRM, with Joel Caulkin, WB4RSG as co-pilot, hidden in the deep woods of NE 152nd Street. 11 cars started from NW 111 St. and 7 Ave. and all came in. The winner was K4JXL, Ron, second was W4DTJ, Carl with W4WYR, Evelyn as co-pilot, and third was WB4OQN, Chip. The weather was beautiful, the hidden Xtrm was well hidden and we all enjoyed it. As added attraction W4GGJ's car got stuck in the mud at the hiding place and it took an hour to pull him out.

Please: Dues are due and if you didn't, please do. Net time: every Friday at 19.30 on 29.044.

## FLORIDA MIDDAY TRAFFIC NET

By Herb, W4LSR

Our Net again took an active part in the Simulated Emergency Test on January 30th and 31st, remaining in session for a total of 518 minutes on these two days. 190 stations, some on emergency power handled 114 test priority and 234 routine messages for a total traffic count of 345. The seven Stations who acted as Net controls were: K4LEC, K4DAX, W4ABY, W4AFJA, W4RUE, WB4CBP and WB4MIQ. Clyde, W4SDR our Net Manager is pleased with the efficiency of their work as well as that of our members and friends who worked with our net. He extends his thanks to all of us as well as to those who acted as Liaisons to the other Nets in session. These were W4AKB, W4FPC, W4ALOQ, W4AOWG, WB4FGW, WB4MIQ, WB4OPL and WB4PWD.

We welcome these stations to our roster: W4DFU the University Station at Gainesville, Gene, WB4SQZ in Winter Park, Charlie, W9UEM 4 in St. Pete and Ron and Harry, W4ZUZ in Key West.

Edlinor and I thoroughly enjoyed the Miami Hamboree where we renewed many old friendships among the local Hams, made during our 25 year residence in that area. We had numerous "eyeballs" with the many FMTN members who at-

tended, including Charlie, W4AKB who we met for the first time.

The FMTN held 27 sessions in January with 901 check ins handling 684 pieces of traffic. Average stations 36.7 and average traffic 25.3.

## FLORIDA FAA NET

By George Cooper W4EH

With a saga of the seas that would equal the novel "TWO YEARS BEFORE THE MAST" our maritime mobile ham W4LIU-MM, Blair Pearson aboard the tanker SS THALIA is nearing his destination Bombay India. With a voyage that consisted of many problems that plague the men who ply our seven seas, heavy seas, mechanical breakdowns, sickness of the Second Mate making it necessary to make an unscheduled stop at Cape Town. I can only say I am jealous I am not on a similar voyage as it takes me back a few years to my brass pounding years aboard the U.S. Navy dreadnaughts and I would think it would take many of you mariners or of you who would like to follow the call of the boatwain piping "ALL HANDS ON DECK." The sound of the pounding seas... These are bygone days for me. But certainly not forgotten.

By the time this goes to press W4ZL, Harold Burhop, Stuart, Fla. should be home and operating from Dafter, Mich. using his W8ZL call.

WB4AHR Len Ballard enjoyed a visit from Bill Baston from the Washington, D.C. office. Len hopes Bill may become interested in amateur radio.

K4MV, Floyd Lindsey, Fort Lauderdale is planning to increase antenna height to over 40 ft. The FAA net appears to be getting more DX oriented with all the interest shown by many members of the net in DX activity.

W4YB, Stark Totman, Stuart, Fla. made a visit to the Sebring Avion trailer rally 7th Feb. The rally held at the site of the famous International Grand Prix. It is hoped W4YB will drop by next time with a stop at ye ole FAA editor W4EH.

W4JVA, Paul Colby's FAA net 1445GMT

## TOP TWENTY TRAFFIC TAKERS

1. W3CUL 4	3128	11. WB4SMA	302
2. W3VR 4	998	12. W4ABY	295
3. K4IWT	605	13. K4TFS	268
4. W4SSB	565	14. K4FAC	228
5. WB4AIW	476	15. W4ILE	197
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7. W49QVY 4	410	17. WB4MIQ	184
8. W4WEB	404	18. W4IJJH	176
9. W4IKB	326	19. W4JWM	160
10. WB4PWD	303	20. 8R1Y W4	153

## TRAFFIC HOUNDS

Net	QNI	Avg. QNI	QTC	AVG. QTC	Sessions
FMTN	991	36.7	684	25.3	27
GN	336	10.8	270	8.7	31
QFN	856	14.8	476	8.2	58
FAST	765	30.6	167	6.7	25
TPTN	376	15.7	120	5.0	24
FPTN	440	16.9	82	3.2	26
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WB4SGW, Ed Gehr, with 31 years service and a very varied career with the CAA FAA is currently with the Jacksonville RAPCON and a very welcome addition to the FAA net.

W4WKQ, John Zwaska, Shalimar, Fla. John points out he was with the CAA only and not with the FAA but has many friends in the CAA FAA and is in any case very welcome to the net. John is more recently retired from Eglin Air Force. CUL

### FASTNET NEWS

Vinson D. Bailey, WA4NNB

The FAST Net slipped a little during January from its December Record. I hope SET will give it a little boost during February.

The net has three new NCS's. They are WB4SMA, K4BLM and WB4MIQ. We are glad to have you with us.

All Net controls were asked to report the duration of net operation so I could evaluate their proficiency and stimulate a little friendly competition for the nets benefit. This month I'm pleased to report that K4SCL was the most proficient NCS in handling check in's and traffic. In the check in dept. (Avg. QNI minute) Woody was followed very closely by WB4GHD and WB4MIQ. In traffic handled (Avg. QTC min.) WA4LBM and WB4GHD followed

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second and third respectively. Everyone is to be congratulated.

Glad to hear K4QYV on again and sorry to lose WA4TWD because of a new job schedule.

I'm looking for an assistant net manager — if interested please ARL 7, 73

1/3 of what we read on the holder. 3rd overtones run to about 18 MHZ. The next overtone is the 5th, and these go to about 45 MHZ. From there we go to the 7th, which is good to about 120 MHZ. These crystals are all specially etched and plated so their maximum output is on that overtone, which is not necessarily three times or five times the fundamental. A 3rd overtone crystal is actually

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— W8NOH in QMN BULLETIN AND DARA BULLETIN

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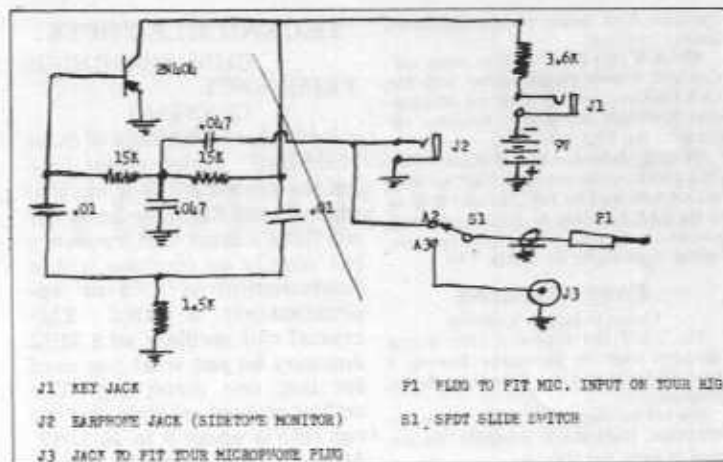
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## CODE PRACTICE ON 2 METERS

By D. R. Klobe, WA4KJV

Here is a simple little unit to get any A.M. rig on A2. The basic circuit is nothing new and is simple to construct. Any transistor from your junk-box can be used in place of the 2N404. The transistor, resistors and capacitors were mounted on a piece of vectorboard. The switch and jacks were mounted on a 4 x 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 mini box. The vectorboard and battery were then mounted inside the minibox to complete the project.

The output was measured to be 1.366 KHz at an amplitude of .12 V RMS. This output may have to be reduced to fit your particular rig so that it does not exceed 100 percent modulation. My unit was used on a Heath Twoer.

## A THREE-BAND GROUND-PLANE ANTENNA

By Carl, W4REI

If you are really in a bind for antenna space at your QTH, here is something you might want to try. Here is the sales pitch: it is neat in appearance, it costs very little, it does not need a rotor, and it works efficiently on 10, 15, and 20 with a low angle of radiation.

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We know for a fact there are dozens of Florida amateurs capable of working RTTY on the amateur frequencies. Most of them operate only on MARS channels. A couple years ago, Rex Peters, W4ZAG of Tampa had a fine net going on 3704kc. Rex was forced to give it up for lack of support.

During our SET (Simulated Emergency Test) Jan. 30 and 31, RTTY was used to exchange hundreds of messages between the East and West Florida ARRL Sections. The purpose of this RTTY was to prove that large masses of traffic could be passed in a very limited time. This was done. BUT not without some problems. We received one report which said "we could have doubled our volume of traffic IF all participating station knew RTTY net procedure..." This is why a daily RTTY net is needed to enable more practice in net procedure. What say if the RTTY boys get behind Rex and get an amateur RTTY net going again? Florida needs this net with a tie-in to NTS via QFN. We have the equipment, we have the frequencies, we have the operators, do we have the desire and leadership?

Our thanks to the following who participated in RTTY SET net: W4AKB, WA4GTA, WA4H-DH, WA4SSB, K4TFS, WA4WEB and W4YP. Let's double that number next year.



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1971 FLORIDA QSO PARTY  
April 3rd and 4th, 1971

FLORIDA SKIP, the all Florida Amateur Radio Publication, is happy to announce the 7th annual FLORIDA QSO PARTY to be held April 3rd and 4th, 1971. All amateurs are invited to participate. Florida amateurs are urged to work as many out-of-state stations as possible as well as those within the state.

**CONTEST PERIODS:** Sat 1500-2000; Sun 0000-0500, 1400-2359 all times GMT.

**SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES:** CW 1807 3571 7071 14071 21071 28071 kHz.  
Phone 1817 3971 7271 14317 21371 28571 kHz.

**EXCHANGE:** Florida stations give RST and county. Non-Florida stations give RST and state, province or country. Sequential QSO numbers are NOT to be exchanged.

**NO POWER RESTRICTIONS OR TIME LIMIT.**

**SCORING:** All stations: Stations may be contacted once on each CW band and once on each Phone band. CW and Phone are separate entries and are not to be summed for any awards. Multipliers count only once.

Florida stations: 1 point/QSO X number of states, provinces and countries. D.C. counts as Maryland. Other Florida stations may be worked but only for contact points, NOT for a multiplier. Maximum multiplier is 71, (49 states, 10 provinces and 12 DX). No more than 12 DX countries will count towards the multiplier. Multi-op: Single xmtr/mode, minimum 50 QSOs.

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**AWARDS:** TROPHIES will be awarded to stations in the following categories:  
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High single-op Phone station  
High multi-op station

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High multi-op CW and Phone each county

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**LOGS:** All logs must be postmarked no later than April 30, 1971, and mailed to: FLORIDA SKIP, Contest Chairman, PO BOX 501, Miami Springs, Fla., 33166. A summary sheet with your name, call, address, claimed score, category, station location and the customary declaration Must be included or the entry will be disqualified. Messy entries will not be considered.

**SCORES:** All scores will be published in the June or July issue of FLORIDA SKIP. Participants desiring a copy, please include a 6¢ stamp with your logs.

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GOOD LUCK and 73, Don Murray, K4FMA, Contest Chairman.

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## HAMBOREE — GREAT!

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Pierce Simpson 2 meter FM transceiver — A. Stryker, Delray Beach, Florida.

All but one of the hamfest attendees congratulated the winners. The one sorehead is this writer.

The swap meet activity was something to behold. I do believe every hambone in 67 counties bought goodies down to peddle. The XYL's must have been very happy to see the OM hauling all that stuff out of their living rooms, mine was, but I can just see the look on their faces when he came home that evening. Oh well, marriage can't be all bliss. One man's trash is another man's treasure. The Dade Radio Club meeting after the Hamboree was used primarily to formulate a new plan for the next years swap meet. It is hoped we can make everyone happier at the next go around.

The Dade Radio Club wants to give special mention to the Dade County ARPSC for the splendid job they did in several areas. The door monitoring and ticket collecting job was outstanding. Many thanks. Also, although we do not know how much traffic was handled, they did a great service to many people attending. A fine job gentlemen.

The club prize for selling the most tickets again went to the Florida DX Club. Thank you gentlemen, it was greatly appreciated and you earned your prize.

In summation then, the 1971 Tropical Hamboree, was well received, well attended and it is sincerely hoped that everyone profited by participating.

This, then, wraps up the summation of this year's "GREATEST HAMBOREE IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF FLORIDA." Thanks Evelyn Gauzens W4WYR. Those must have been tears of happiness a-ha thanrs of anguish. No trail boss ever did better.

Paul Norman, WB4IGC

## LATE FLASH

At deadline time, SKIP received word that our Florida CW Net S.E.T. score for 1971 is 2603 points over 1760 points for 1970. Needless to say, figures tell the story. Congratulations to all hands.



AMATEUR TV IN Florida is still going along. Here is John Anderson WB4GCM of Jacksonville with his ATV, 400 watt 432MHz transmitter. He uses a 13 element yagi on a 40 foot mast. He also has a GBC solid state camera and a Vanguard. John makes excellent pictures and handles the audio on 2 meters. How about you other guys? Send black and white photo with info for publication.

## OPEN LETTER TO ALL FLORIDA RADIO AMATEURS

About ten months ago, Florida Radio Amateurs were disturbed by the news that a bill had been filed in the Legislature at Tallahassee (HB-1121) that proposed giving the Citizen Band operators the privilege of having their call-letters on their automobile license plates. This privilege was to be extended to them at the expense of the Radio Amateurs who would receive an increase of 500 percent in the cost of their plates.

The privilege of having call-letters on automobile license plates was granted to Florida Radio Amateurs in 1950 by a grateful Legislature as a means of recognizing the tremendous efforts the Amateurs had put forth at various times in maintaining much needed communications during times of stress and emergency and was the first such action by any State. The accomplishments of the Amateurs in this regard need not be expounded here, they have been fully recorded in many local and even national publications. Such a record does not exist for Citizen Band operations.

The Florida Radio Amateurs, presumably, would not have objected to call-letter plates for automobiles for the Citizen Band operators had their operations been in accordance with Federal regulations and legal requirements. Unfortunately, the large majority of such operations were carried out by violations of the regulations in almost every category. Although the acceptance of the 500 percent increase in fee for the call-letter plates was not palatable to the Amateurs, most of them objected to being "tarred with the same brush" as a group of willful violators of the law.

Consequently, the efforts of a few dedicated and determined Amateurs was directed to this problem and, as is now known, HB-1121 was never reported out of committee and the proposal died at the termination of the legislation session.

Now however, the Radio Amateurs of Florida are again faced with this problem, and the Citizen Banders, realizing their last minute effort of last year gave them little time to muster support to their program, have pre-filed a similar bill AMEND the present statute which gives the Radio Amateurs the privilege of having their call-letters appear on their license plates. This amendment INCLUDES the Citizen Banders at a cost of

500 percent increase in the Radio Amateurs. This bill is known as HB-85 and was introduced by Representative Shaw of Starke. One wonders if Representative Shaw is fully aware of the illegal operations of most of the Citizen Banders.

It is a well-known fact that the majority of Citizen Banders operate outside the law. This fact has been and can be conclusively documented. The Federal Communications Commission admits it but are seemingly powerless to counter it. The radio industry not only knows it, but fosters it by offering illegal equipment for Citizen Band use.

Should then, the State of Florida reward and aggrandize these people by granting them a privilege that heretofore has been reserved for a law abiding, technically qualified group which has demonstrated its ability to assist government agencies in time of dire emergency and to do so willingly?

Should the State of Florida combine the technically qualified, (examination required) helpful and law abiding Radio Amateurs with a group of deliberate law violators who use their equipment in a manner not intended by Federal regulation and who are not required to demonstrate in any way their ability to use the equipment they are operating? (No examination required).

The answers to these questions, Mr. Radio Amateur rests with you. Before the next session of the Florida legislature convenes sometime in April, YOU must contact your Representative and inform him of the impropriety of this bill (HB-85), and secure his opposition to it. Better than this however, is to make your views known to the members of the Committee for Transportation of the Florida house. This committee will have the task of scrutinizing the bill and certifying for house action. If the members of the Committee are properly acquainted with the unlawful aspects of citizen band operations, it would seem reasonable to expect that the bill would not be favorably reported for house action.

To help you do this, there is being provided to your Radio Club copies of the documentation of the unlawful activities of some of the Citizen Band operators, a list of the members of the Committee for Transportation of the Florida house and other appropriate documents with a major bearing on the subject. It is hoped that you

## 1971 BEST SET EVER

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SKIP issue.

A new wrinkle this year was RTTY. Schedules were set up between Miami and Chipley to exchange traffic between the two Florida sections. In Miami, Hal, W4YP at Dade Civil Defense, K4TFS, and Charlie, W4AKB punched tape and transmitted RTTY to WA4SSB and WA4TGA in the panhandle. The process was reversed for eastern Florida traffic. After one hectic period at the beginning of the exercise when there appeared to be deliberate jamming of the net, the schedule accounted for 435 messages. It is quick and easy at sixty words per minute.

The SSB nets had the brunt of the local traffic load. The Florida Sideband Emergency Net started about ten a.m. each day on 3940 KHz and kept going all weekend. The Florida Midday Traffic Net met at noon both SET days on 40 meters and handled great volumes of traffic until the band collapsed at four P.M. In Miami, the South Florida Division Headquarters station of the American Red Cross kept the phone nets busy originating traffic and receiving traffic and receiving traffic addressed to the E. Fla. SEC. At times, K4IWT had five rigs operating at the same time.

SETs are always a hectic time for traffic handlers. This year was no exception. Indeed this was a record year for the SET as early in the exercise it became quite apparent that the system was becoming overloaded. Nevertheless despite this or maybe because of it, the 1971 SET was a tremendous success. Andy Clark, W4IYT, SEC Eastern Florida, said, "We judge the success of the SET on participation. Using that guideline I can say that in the 15 years as SEC this is probably the best SET we ever had."

All Emergency Coordinators are urged to complete and mail their SET report at once, if you have not already done so. 73 WA4ABY

will write to these legislators expressing your objection to this legislation and why! Don't forget to write to your own Representative also, or go visit him to explain the facts of the matter. The cost is small and it only takes a few minutes to do so.

A.R. Marcy, W4ID  
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